



BREAKING THE ICE

What's your favorite house you lived in while growing up? What was so special about that home?

What is the most interesting thing going on in your life right now? (you can't say COVID)

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This week Pastor Kevin is continuing Chapter 1 of Colossians.

Read Colossians 1:15-23

1. What is your favorite verse from the scripture reading and why?

Throughout this scripture passage, we see the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ, that He is available to everyone and He is much bigger than we can ever think or imagine.

2. Do you have the tendency to limit God on what you think He can do? If you don't depend on God's ability to do things, whom do you depend on?

The enemy wants us to distort what we believe about Jesus. If we get Jesus wrong, we get everything wrong. Jesus is in control and as soon as we can rest in that, the more peace we will have.

Jesus is the image of the invisible God. **When we know Jesus, we know the Father.** He is gentle, yet strong, He is humble and He runs towards us and our sin. He is slow to anger and His posture is more open-armed than a pointed finger.

3. When you think of the characteristics of Jesus, what characteristics do you think of and why?

He is the creator. If Jesus created us, we are His masterpieces. Think about that: He created you to be His

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masterpiece. All of creation belongs to Him. Which means, we belong to Him and He never wants to give you away - no matter what you have done.

He has authority over all and was before all. He was before anything else, He created us to be with Him. We exist for God to have a relationship with us.

We are created for His purpose. Jesus came to rescue us from our own purpose and to have purpose with God.

4. How do you see your life having a purpose for God? What does that look like to you?

He holds all things together. We aren't responsible to hold it all together and figure it all out. He wants us to trust in Him because His ways are better. He can hold us together.

5. Where have you seen God move in your life by trusting Him with His way and not your own?

Pastor Kevin had a great example of how we can limit God in this week's message. His neighbor mentioned to Him one day that he thought his yard was bigger than what was currently fenced in. He believed the yard had been limited.

We can do that with God. We can limit how much we let him in our lives. God doesn't want us to fence Him into what we think He can do.

Pastor Kevin had an illustration of the circles we let Jesus be a part of in our lives. He can be in the PRESENT part, meaning He is one circle among many like finances, friends, relationships and fitness. We let him be present for our Sunday church experience and that's about it. He doesn't really touch other areas of our life.

The second circle is Prominent where He has a bigger piece of our lives, a bigger section. This could look like family, friends, church, parenting and your community group. But when it comes to work, money and time, we hold on to those areas of our life.

The last circle is the Centrality of Christ where every aspect of our lives under His rule and reign; our dreams, our future, our jobs our relationships, kids and finances.

6. Which circle do you let Jesus be a part of in your life? What are some examples of how that looks in your life?

Matthew 6:33 says, “ But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

God can do so much more with our lives than we can, we just have to seek Him and give Him everything in our lives. We can't limit Him and fence Him in.

7. Where do you need to tear down the fences in your life and join God in what He has for you?

PRAYER

God, thank you for loving us and creating us. Will you please show us where we have limited you in our lives? Will you show us what fences we need to tear down in order to let go of our control and give you control? Will you surround us with others that can help keep us accountable to you and what you have for us? In Jesus' name, Amen.

ACTION STEPS

+ Continue reading Colossians with us this week. Check out Instagram and your campus Facebook page for some prompts this week on how to continue to let Jesus be the center of your life.

+ Take note of aspects of your life and who is in control of them. Do you let God into your daily routine, friendships, marriage, work? Write down your answers and ask God to show you how to let Him be a part of those things. Talk with a trusted friend to help keep you accountable to let God in those circumstances